

This listing of claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience. Claims 1 – 4 are the only originally presented claims presently under examination. Claims 5 – 8 stand withdrawn from consideration following Applicants' Election following a Restriction Requirement issued by the Office.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A water decontamination process comprising the step of contacting water containing anionic contaminants, selected from the group consisting of species including chromium and species including arsenic, with sorbent material that binds anionic species predominantly through the formation of surface complexes, wherein said sorbent material comprises divalent metals, trivalent metals and species selected from the group consisting of oxygen and sulfur.

2. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the sorbent material comprises a chemical substance selected from the group consisting of a first composition in which a species A has a prevalence of about half that of a species B, and a species X has a prevalence of about four times that of the species A wherein for either composition A and B are metal species and X is selected from the group consisting of oxygen and sulfur.

3. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the sorbent material comprises a chemical substance selected from the group consisting of  $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MnAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{ZnAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MgFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MnFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{ZnFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{NiFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{CuFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{S}_4$ ,  $\text{MgCr}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $(\text{Mn,Fe})(\text{Cr,V})_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $(\text{Ni,Fe})(\text{Cr,V})_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $(\text{Co,Ni})(\text{Cr,Al})_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MgV}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{FeV}_2\text{O}_4$ ,

- 5 (Mn,Fe)(V,Cr)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Mg<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub>, Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, CuCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, CuBi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Mn(Mn,Fe)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.
4. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the sorbent material comprises a chemical substance having the first composition, and A is selected from the group consisting of Co<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, and combinations thereof, and B is selected from  
10 the group consisting of Al<sup>3+</sup>, Bi<sup>3+</sup>, Co<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Mn<sup>3+</sup>, Ni<sup>3+</sup>, V<sup>3+</sup> and combinations thereof.
5. (Withdrawn) A water decontamination medium comprising:  
sorbent material that binds anionic species, selected from the group consisting of species including chromium and species including arsenic, predominantly through the formation of surface complexes, wherein said sorbent material  
5 comprises divalent metals, trivalent metals and a species selected from the group consisting of oxygen and sulfur.
6. (Withdrawn) The decontamination medium of claim 6 wherein the sorbent material comprises a chemical substance selected from the group consisting of  
a first composition in which a species B has a prevalence of about twice that of a  
10 species A, and a species X has a prevalence of about four times that of the species A  
wherein for either composition A and B are metal species and X is selected from the group consisting of oxygen and sulfur.

7. (Withdrawn) The decontamination medium of claim 6 wherein the sorbent material comprises a chemical substance selected from the group consisting of  $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MnAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{ZnAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MgFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MnFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{ZnFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{NiFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{CuFe}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{S}_4$ ,  $\text{MgCr}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $(\text{Mn,Fe})(\text{Cr,V})_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $(\text{Ni,Fe})(\text{Cr,V})_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $(\text{Co,Ni})(\text{Cr,Al})_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MgV}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{FeV}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $(\text{Mn,Fe})(\text{V,Cr})_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Mg}_2\text{TiO}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{TiO}_4$ ,  $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{CuCo}_2\text{S}_4$ ,  $\text{CuBi}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Mn}(\text{Mn,Fe})_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$ .
8. (Withdrawn) The decontamination of claim 7 wherein the sorbent material comprises a chemical substance having the first composition, and A is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ , and combinations thereof, and B is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Bi}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{V}^{3+}$  and combinations thereof.